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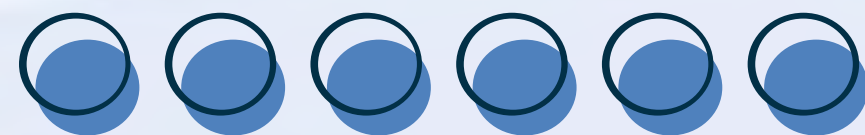


Rise to Excellence: AEP Award Tips, Tricks and Winning Strategies

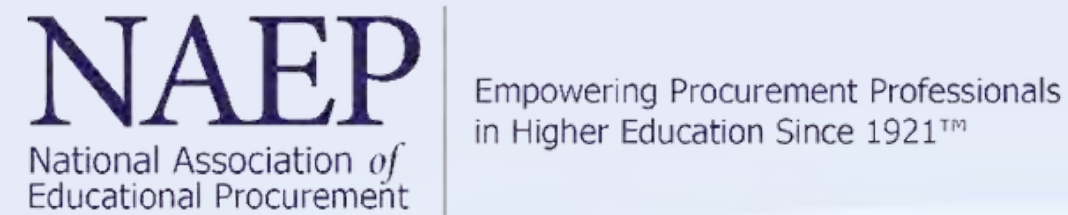
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AEP Officer

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand the AEP award criteria and submittal process.
- Discover tips and tricks for crafting a successful application.
- Explore best practices to align your organization with award standards.
- Gain insights on professional development and continuous improvement strategies.



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- Demonstration of meeting (or exceeding) a national standard for procurement excellence
- Continuous Improvement
- Enhanced Stakeholder Confidence
- Team Morale and Pride
- Competitive Advantage

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PURSUING EXCELLENCE

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PRO TIP

- Membership has its benefits!
- Discount on award application fee
- Access to prior year model submittals
- Discount on annual conference registration





Due date is Thursday, May 15, 2025 by 5:00pm CST

Part I: Application Instructions

ONLY ONLINE APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED. APPLICATIONS MUST BE ENTERED THROUGH THE AEP APPLICATION PORTAL ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 1 AND NO LATER THAN 5:00PM CST ON MAY 15, 2025. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT THE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS. IF THERE ARE ANY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THIS DOCUMENT AND THE ONLINE APPLICATION, THE ONLINE APPLICATION WILL PREVAIL.

The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® Evaluation Team is responsible for the evaluation of the applications. The applicant will be advised of the results by mid-August 2025 and will be provided access to the official scorecard. Please share the scorecard with your procurement team to identify areas for improvement in future applications. The decision of the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® Officer is final. By submitting an application, you are giving permission for NPI to use the submitted documents to promote the program and the public procurement profession.

Additional information about the AEP program is available at www.npi-aep.org. Questions or comments concerning the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® Program should be addressed to Carrie Mathes, MPA, CFCM, NIGP-CPP, CPPD, C.P.M., CPPB, APP, FOCM, Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Officer, at aep@npiconnection.org.

Review the 2025 Award Application

<https://www.npi-aep.org/>

- Application Instructions
- Submittal Instructions
- Award Criteria



2025 AEP Application Changes Summary

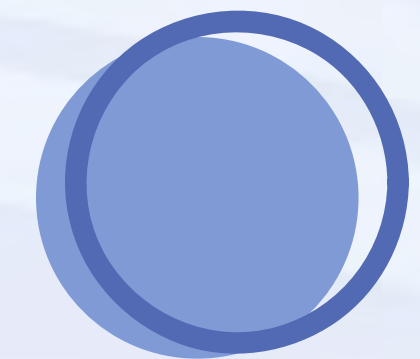
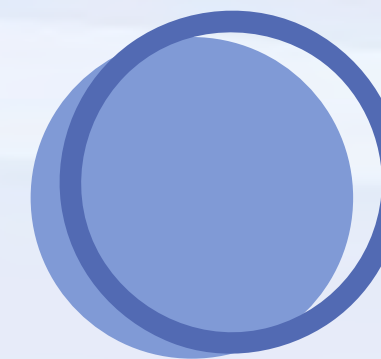
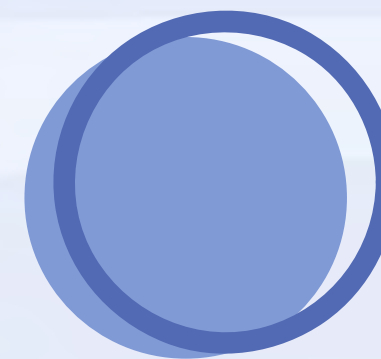
There are multiple changes to the 2025 AEP Application please review carefully and read the application requirements in their entirety.

1. Application due date is Thursday, May 15, 2025 by 5:00pm CST.
2. Multiple criteria have date requirements. Please verify as dates are updated annually.
3. Multiple criteria have changes that serve to clarify and further define the submittal requirements. Changes are identified in *italics* and are summarized herein.
4. Criterion No. 7 – Revised the verbiage related to the digital PO to require demonstration that it is automatically emailed to the vendor or routed to the vendor through Electronic Data Interchange (EDI). Provided hyperlink to access a listing of the AEP Certified e-procurement solutions.
5. Criterion 7b – Clarified comprehensive requirement for screenshot submittals.
6. Criterion 7c – Clarified individual scorecards must be submitted for each evaluator.
7. Criterion 8b – Clarified the CPCP certification must have been date identified and remain current through AEP application submittal deadline.
8. Criterion 9 – Updated narrative requirement to include identifying the full fiscal year term. Clarified each spend report must include a total, and all spend report totals must match the summary page submittal.
9. Criterion 14 – Clarified submittal requirement for solicitation documents and addresses ordinal evaluation methodology.
10. Criterion 17 – Clarified submittal requirement for narrative and requires highlighting policy excerpt that specifically addressed unlimited award authority.

Questions regarding any changes can be sent to Carrie Mathes, MPA, CFCM,
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Review the Summary of Changes

- Summary of annual changes
- Provides clarification of criteria changes



SELF-SCORING WORKSHEET

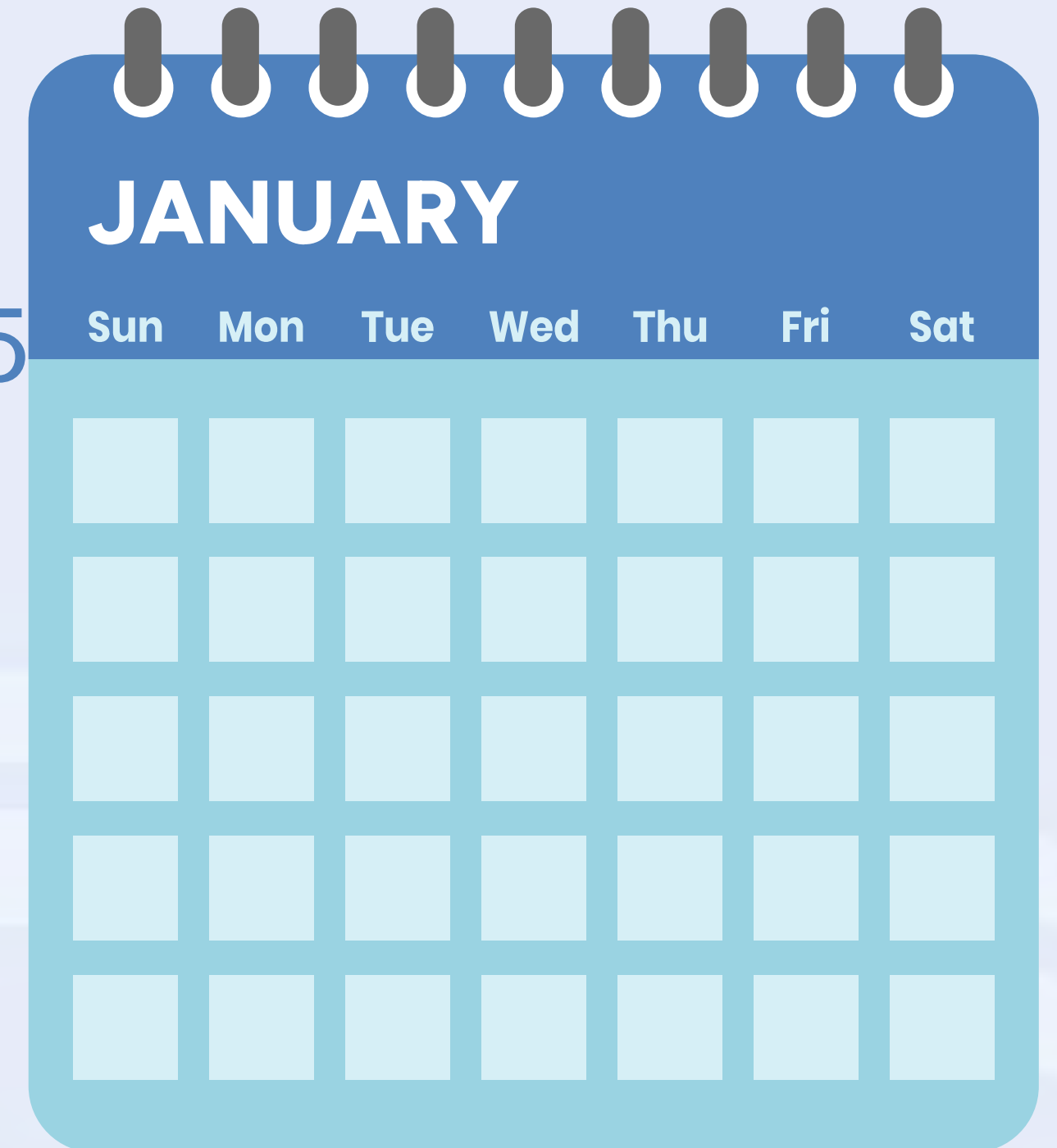
Part III – Criteria	POINTS	SELF-SCORE
1. Procurement Ethics Standards	5	
2. Electronic Procurement Manual	5	
3. Professional Development Program	10	
4a. Internal Department Customer Service Survey	5	
4b. External Vendor Customer Service Survey	5	
4c. Internal Customer Department Training	5	
4d. Formal Vendor Training	5	
4e. Performance Measures	10	
5. Centralized Procurement Authority	10	
6. Organizational Structure	5	
7a. Internal Procurement Automation	10	
7b. Electronic Sourcing	10	
7c. Electronic Evaluations and Automated Scorecard	10	
8a. P-Card System / Electronic P-Card Manual	5	
8b. Comprehensive P-Card Program Audit or Certification	5	
9. Use of Term/Requirements Contracts	5	
10a. Certification/Chief Procurement Official	10	
10b. Certification/Professional Staff	10	
11a. Education/Chief Procurement Official	5	
11b. Education/Professional Staff	5	
12. Association Leadership Position	10	
13. Presenter/Panel Member/Author	10	
14. Adoption of Best Value Procurement Method	10	
15a. Sustainable Procurement Policy/Program	5	
15b. Sustainable Procurement Best Practices	5	
16. Cooperative Procurement Strategy	5	
17. Contract Award Authority	5	
18. Continued Pursuit of Excellence	10	
TOTAL POINTS	200	

Complete the SelfScoring Worksheet

- Total eligible points: **200**
- Points required to obtain the award: **100**

KEY DATES*

- Application released January 1, 2025
- Award portal opened February 17, 2025
- Applications due by May 15, 2025 at 5:00pm CST
- Results released by Mid-August



PRO TIP

- Don't delay.....start today!
- Make it a team project
- Request a mentor: aep@npiconnection.org



PRO TIP

- Access the Educational Series
- <https://www.npi-aep.org/educationalseries>





Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® (AEP) Educational Series

No charge for any of the sessions!
Format: 30–60-minute Zoom meetings

Join the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® evaluation team for a series of "AEP Educational Sessions" where we will review this year's application and discuss a few of the more challenging criteria. These sessions will be interactive and allow participants to ask questions of the panel.

Questions? Email aep@npiconnection.org

Criterion 10 – Certification of CPO and Staff

Session Objectives:
Discuss importance of certifications in public procurement and how they serve to demonstrate a high level of professionalism and expertise; review certifications currently accepted for this criterion; discuss definition of "eligible professional staff"; review model submittals from prior year.

Criterion 15 - Sustainable Procurement Policy/Program and Sustainable Procurement Best Practices

Session objectives:
Discuss importance of sustainable procurement; what is considered demonstration of implementing or moving towards implementing a strategic sustainable procurement program; discuss sustainable procurement best practices; review model submittals from prior year.

Watch the recording [here](#).

Criterion 16 – Cooperative Procurement Strategy

Session Objectives:
Discuss the importance of implementing a comprehensive cooperative procurement strategy; the value for agencies; appropriate use of cooperatives; review components of a successful approach; review model submittals from prior year.

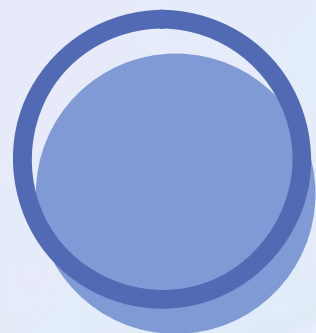
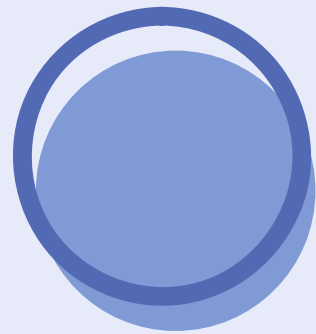
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The screenshot shows the NPI website header with the logo "npi Leading Excellence in Public Procurement". The navigation menu includes: Home, About, Membership, AEP Award, Annual Conference, Awards, Board Room, Calendar, and Members Only. A dropdown menu is open under "AEP Award", listing: Application Portal & Historical Data, Award Recipients, Evaluation Team, Committees, Sponsors & Supporters, Educational Series (highlighted with a dashed blue arrow), Testimonials, AEP by the Numbers, Media Library, eProcurement Platform Certification Program, and AEP Certified eProcurement Providers. On the right, there is a "Quick Links" section with buttons for: AEP Award, Annual Conference, NPI Apparel, and Get Involved. A search bar and "Member Login" link are also visible in the top right.

APPLICATION PREPARATION



Feedback



Tag	Heading	Point Value	Your Response	Score 1	Score 2	Comments
1	Establishment of a "Procurement Ethics" policy...	5	Download Criteria 1.pdf	5pts	5pts	
2	Publishes an electronic procurement manual or...	5	Download Criteria 2.pdf	5pts	5pts	
3	Established a procurement staff "professional development" ...	10	Download Criteria 3.pdf	10pts	10pts	
4a	Maintains a "continuous improvement" program comprised...	5	Download Criteria 4a.pdf	5pts	5pts	
4b	Maintains a "continuous improvement" program comprised...	5	Download Criteria 4b.pdf	5pts	5pts	
4c	Maintains a "continuous improvement" program comprised...	5	Download Criteria 4c.pdf	5pts	5pts	
4d	Maintains a "continuous improvement" program comprised...	5	Download Criteria 4d.pdf	5pts	5pts	
4e	Maintains a "continuous improvement" program comprised...	10	Download Criteria 4e Final.pdf	10pts	10pts	
5	Centralized procurement authority based in law...	10	Download Criteria 5.pdf	10pts	10pts	
6	Procurement Organizational Structure (5 pts) ...	5	Download Criteria 6.pdf	5pts	5pts	
7a	Utilization of eProcurement and Automated Technology...	10	Download Criteria 7a.pdf	10pts	10pts	
7b	Utilization of eProcurement and Automated Technology...	10	[No Submission]	0pts		
7c	Utilization of eProcurement and Automated Technology...	10	[No Submission]	0pts		
8a	Procurement Card System Uses a Comprehensive...	5	Download Criteria 8a.pdf	5pts	5pts	
8b	Procurement Card System Formal Procurement Card...	5	[No Submission]	0pts		
9	Use of requirements contracts (annual or...	5	Download Criteria 9.pdf	5pts	5pts	
10a	Professional Certification Current Certified Professional in...	10	Download Criteria 10a.pdf	10pts	10pts	
10b	Professional Certification Current Certified Professional in...	10	[No Submission]	0pts		
11a	Education A Bachelor's degree or higher...	5	Download Criteria 11a.pdf	5pts	5pts	
11b	Education A Bachelor's degree or higher...	5	[No Submission]	0pts		
12	Professional staff member with a leadership...	10	Download Criteria 12.pdf	10pts	10pts	Very nice submittal, clear and concise
13	Participation at a national, state, provincial,...	10	Download Criteria 13.pdf	10pts	10pts	
14	Adoption of statute, ordinance or policy...	10	Download Criteria 14.pdf	10pts	10pts	Clearly identifies the required criteria.
15a	Sustainable Procurement Formal sustainable procurement policy...	5	[No Submission]	0pts		
15b	Sustainable Procurement Implementation of best practices...	5	[No Submission]	0pts		
16	Cooperative Procurement Strategy (5 pts) ...	5	Download Criteria 16 Final.pdf	5pts	5pts	
17	Authority of the Chief Procurement Official...	5	Download Criteria 17.pdf	5pts	5pts	
18	Continued Pursuit of Excellence (10 pts)	10	[No Submission]	0pts		

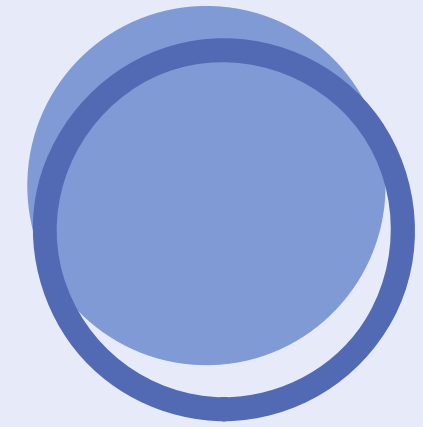


14. Adoption of statute, ordinance or policy that allows for Best Value procurements for your agency (10 pts)

"Best Value" means a technique in a competitive solicitation process which emphasizes value over price and permits the evaluation of criteria such as qualifications, experience, and performance data to determine the best overall value to the agency.

Agency must demonstrate authority to solicit through a best value procurement method for a broad range of purchases of services and commodities (not limited to professional services or technology) as it deems to be in the best interest of the agency. Best Value solicitations for construction (Construction Manager at Risk, Job Order Contracting, and Design Build) could also qualify for this criterion.

- **Submit:** A narrative explaining how your agency meets this criterion.
 - Narrative should detail the statute, ordinance or policy authorizing your agency to do best value procurements.
- **Submit:** The law, ordinance or policy establishing best value procurement authority.
- **Submit:** Solicitation documents published/posted after *January 1, 2024*.
 - Solicitation cover page with the publication or issue date of the solicitation *or the schedule from the solicitation* demonstrating when it was issued to the public (not the solicitation due date). Evaluation criteria page(s) from the solicitation detailing the assigned points or weights demonstrating that points and weights were visible to the vendors during the solicitation process prior to the due date. *No points will be awarded for ordinal evaluation methodology.*
 - Evaluation matrix or scoring summary comprised of the criteria, weights and evaluators' scores demonstrating the use of best value evaluation. A blank evaluation matrix or sample **is not** sufficient to provide documentation of use.



15. Sustainable Procurement

The objective of this criterion is to demonstrate that the agency has implemented or is moving towards implementing a strategic sustainable procurement program. Strategic sustainable procurement programs integrate within an agency's existing strategic procurement processes, addressing prioritized environmental, social and/or economic impacts and opportunities of that agency's purchased goods and services. Sustainable procurement programs have been shown to provide value to agencies in areas such as reduced cost of goods and services, reduced administrative costs, reduced supply chain risk, and increased supply chain resiliency. Programs limited to single areas such as recycled materials, green cleaning products or energy conservation do not qualify. Program or policy must be broad and address multiple environmental, social and/or economic impacts and opportunities.

NOTE: Agencies can receive points by meeting either criteria a) and/or criteria b).

a. Formal sustainable procurement policy OR formal sustainable procurement program (5 pts)

The policy or program must secure executive-level commitment; identify a program lead; and allocate the resources needed for implementation.

- **Submit:** A copy of the formal sustainable procurement policy or program.
- **Submit:** A copy of the document, website, policy, etc. that established the formal policy or program and/or that defines the program structure and plan.
- **Submit:** Evidence of executive-level commitment (ex. policy release history, signed letter, etc.), program lead and resource allocation

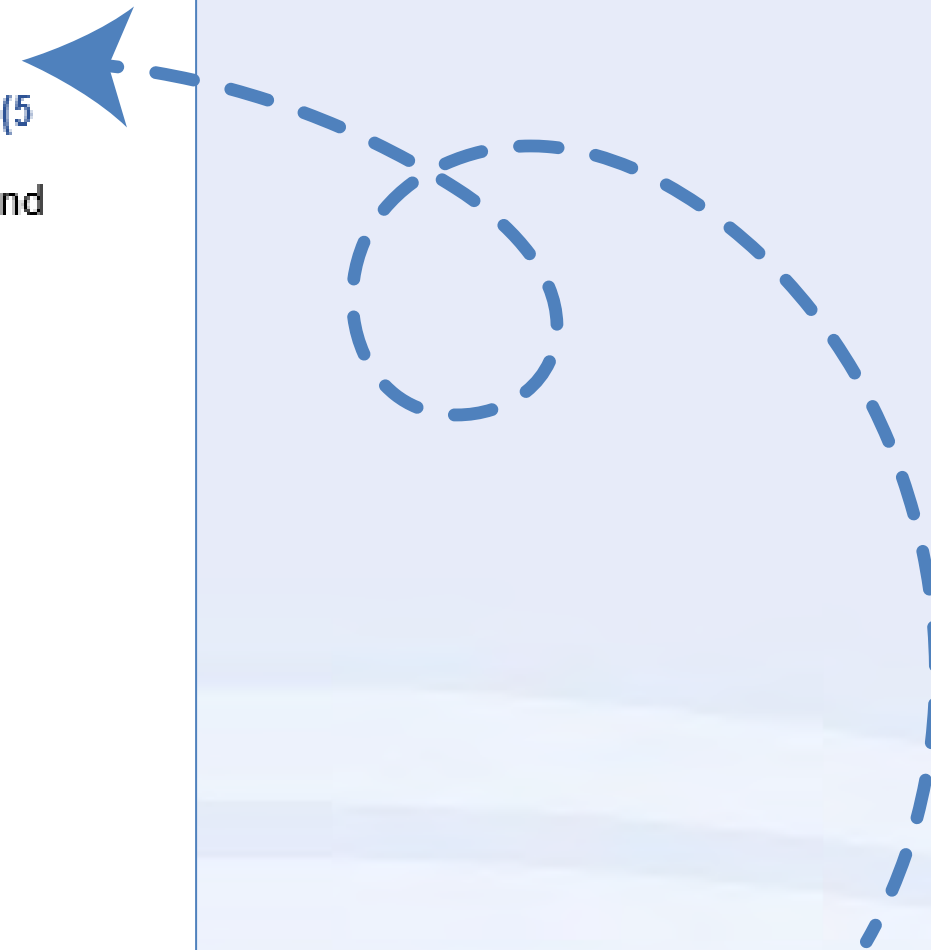
b. Implementation of best practices (5 pts)

Submission must include at least one best practice from the following:

- Set relevant environmental, social, and economic priorities
- Goals & Metrics
- Staff Engagement & Accountability
- Goods/Services Evaluation & Transparency
- Supplier Engagement, Transparency, & Accountability
- Supplier Development & Innovation
- Communications & Sustainable Purchasing Transparency

For the submitted best practice(s) to qualify, agencies must demonstrate implementation of at least 50% of the relevant requirements described in the [Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council's Maturity Model Inventory Checklist](#)

- **Submit:** A narrative describing your implementation of each best practice.
- **Submit:** Documentation supporting your claims (e.g., a website displaying your sustainable procurement goals & metrics; copies of sustainable goods/service requirements or preferences included in solicitations)
- **Submit:** The SPLC Checklist completed indicating what practices were implemented



NARRATIVE FORMATION

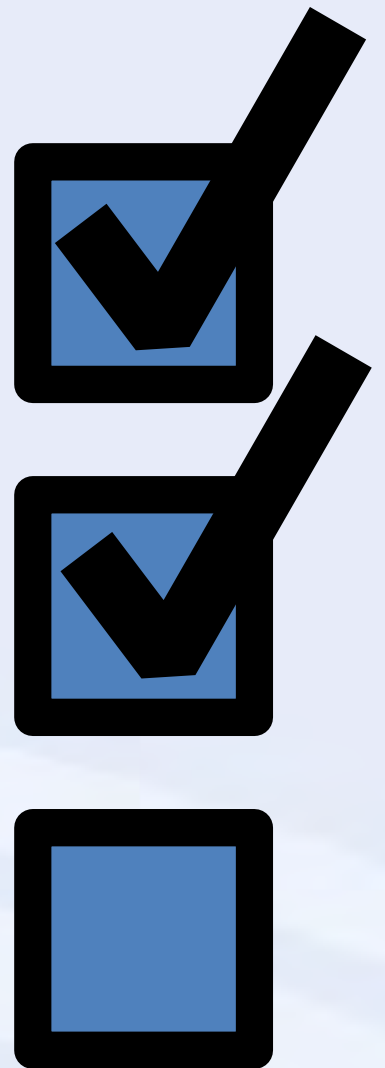
***Use Clear Headings and Subheadings** Organize your content with descriptive titles and subtitles to help evaluators quickly navigate and understand the structure of your submittal.*

***Prioritize Key Information:** Highlight critical points early in each section, using concise sentences and avoiding unnecessary jargon to ensure clarity.*

***Incorporate Visual Aids:** Use charts, graphs, or tables to summarize data and key metrics, making it easier for evaluators to grasp complex information at a glance.*


***Provide Relevant Examples** Use specific, real-world examples to demonstrate your compliance or achievements, ensuring they directly address the award criteria.*

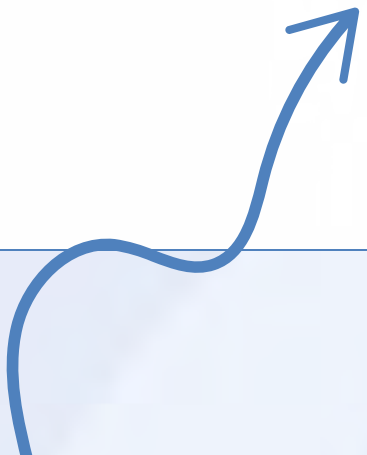
***Ensure Consistent Formatting:** Maintain a uniform font, size, and spacing throughout your document, and use bullet points or numbered lists to break up dense text for readability.*



2. Publishes an electronic procurement manual or guide for internal use (5 pts)

Manual must be comprehensive, addressing multiple procurement activities and not limited to specific issues (e.g., P-Card or MWBE program).

Manual or guide must be electronically posted on a shared drive, the internet or agency intranet and must have been updated in the last 5 years. 

- **Submit:** Provide a link to or a screenshot of the web pages or shared drive information that electronically posts your procurement manual for use by internal customers. Please explain through narrative and annotation how your internal customers access this information. Demonstrate that the manual is comprehensive and provide the date of the most recent revision.
- **Submit:** The cover page and index of the procurement manual or screen shots of the electronic contents. Please **do not** submit the entire manual; but only those pages that substantiate the contents. Submission must include date substantiating the manual was updated after *January 1, 2020*. 

AEP AWARD SUBMISSION – CRITERIA # 2

Publishes an electronic procurement manual for internal use (5 pts)

Visitors to the [Orange County website](#) can find our Procurement Division published Procurement Procedures Manual, last revised September 2022. The pathway links to this comprehensive guide can be found on the attached screen shots followed by the cover and table of contents of the manual.

Internal customers are also able to access the Procurement Procedures Manual through the Orange County Intranet portal. Screen shots are provided herein.

The Table of Contents submitted herein demonstrates the comprehensiveness of the manual.



INTERNET

The Orange County Procurement Division's published Procurement Procedures Manual can be found by visiting the [Orange County Website](#) where you will find the link to the [Procurement Division website](#) by either hovering over the Business Tab or by Browsing Orange County Services. <http://www.orangecountyfl.net/>



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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Effective August 11, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved a change to the MWBE Ordinance, removing the sliding scale from all construction formal solicitation opportunities.

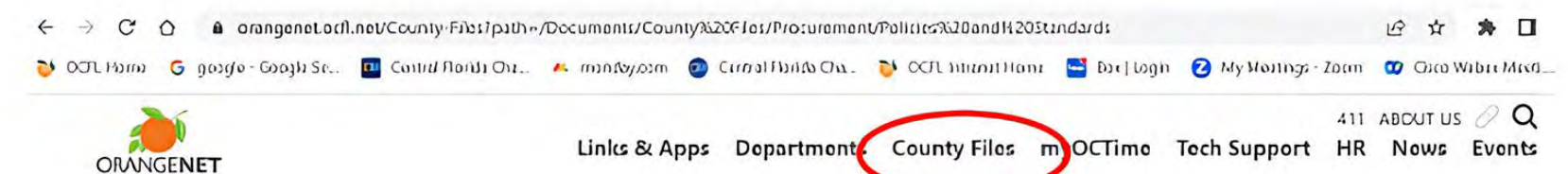
If you have any questions regarding this change, you are encouraged to submit your inquiry to procurement@ocfl.net.

Award Recommendations & Short List (Review bids and proposals...)	Insurance Requirements (Questions for Insurance requirements...)	Procurement Procedures Manual (Procurement procedures...)
Bid/Proposal Openings (Bids/solicitations received...)	New Vendors (Find out how to get started...)	Procurement Staff Directory (Procurement Staff...)
Business Development Division (Advocating on behalf of Minority/Women Business...)	Orange County Safety & Health Manual (Vendors must comply...)	Suspended/Debarred Contractors (Suspended Vendor...)
Contract Award and Short List (Board Approved Awards...)	Price Index Guidelines (Frequently asked questions...)	Term Contracts (Search existing term contracts...)
Current Advertised Solicitations (Formal opening of bids/proposals...)	Procurement Public Meetings (Scheduled meetings and hearings...)	How to do Business with Orange County (Frequently asked questions...)
Expiring Contracts Link (View the current contracts that will soon expire...)	Proposed Future Projects (A planning aid for vendors...)	Volume Of Work Reports (Volume of work awarded to vendors...)
EEO Utilization Report (Years: 2017/2018...)	Protest Procedures (How to protest proposed Awards/Shortlist...)	eProcurement Portal (Register for procurement opportunities...)
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INTRANET

The Procurement Procedures Manual opens in a PDF format from the link demonstrated below. Screen shots below direct internal customers to the Procurement Procedures Manual through the Orange County Intranet portal. Employees can access the manual through CountyFiles>Procurement>Policies and Standards>Procurement Manual as shown in the navigation below.





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 Procurement Manual Final with Exhibits 9-22_0.pdf	9/14/2022
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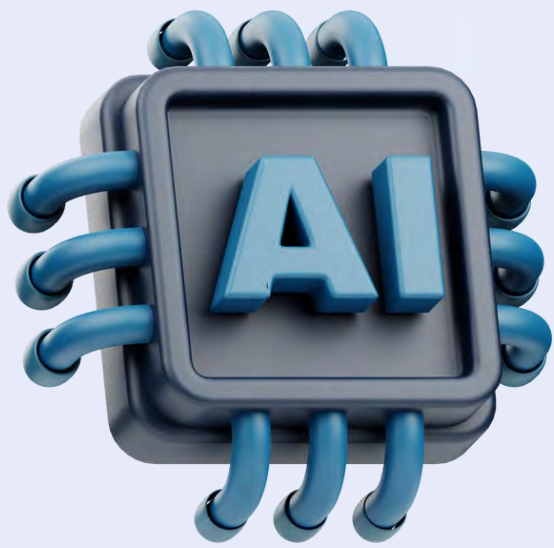
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Revised: September 14, 2022

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PRO TIP

Harness the Power of Artificial Intelligence

Prompt: compare the attached award criteria submittal against the criteria requirements below and identify any deficiencies in the submittal.



Disclaimer: While AI strives for accuracy, it is not foolproof and may occasionally produce errors or require human judgment verification.



Applicant Resources

Video Tutorials

[Creating Your Application in the New Platform](#)

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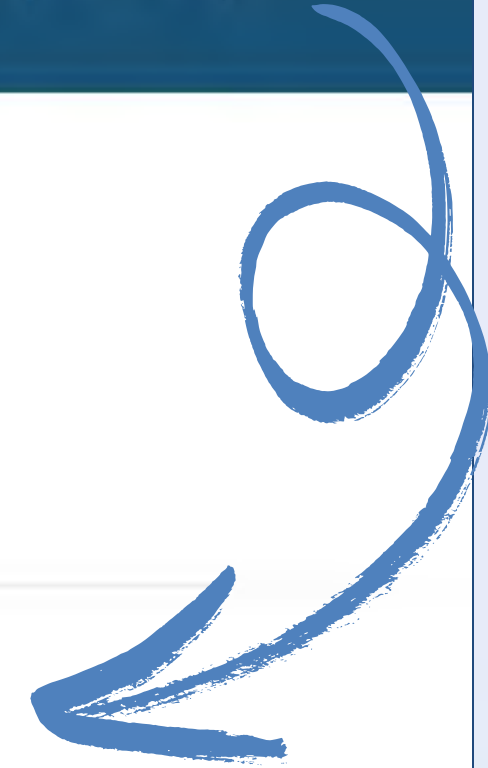
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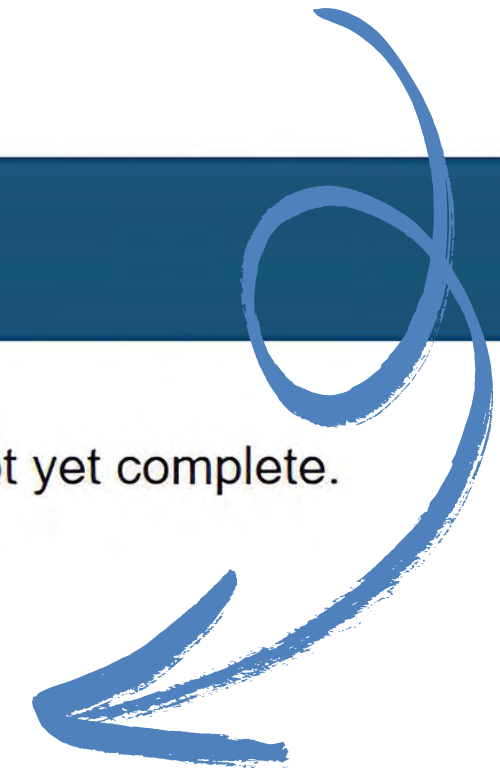
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Response #1: Establishment of a "Procurement Ethics" policy (5 pts)

Procurement Ethics policy must be issued by the Chief Procurement Official at a minimum, and specifically address procurement ethics.

A procurement ethics policy embedded in a procurement manual is acceptable but the policy or the manual must be posted publicly online to receive points.

There must be evidence that this policy was adopted by the Chief Procurement Official of the agency at a minimum, not just posted, to receive points for this criterion. Inclusion of the policy in the agency's official procurement manual satisfies this requirement.

Membership in a procurement association, which has an ethics policy, **is not** in and of itself an acceptable documentation of an ethics policy, unless the agency adopts said policy as its own.

- **Submit:** Narrative statement explaining where the policy is published or can be found. The policy must be publicly available online to satisfy this criterion. Provide a link to or a screenshot of the online posting.
- **Submit:** A copy of or link to the procurement ethics policy and evidence of its establishment as official procurement policy by your agency.

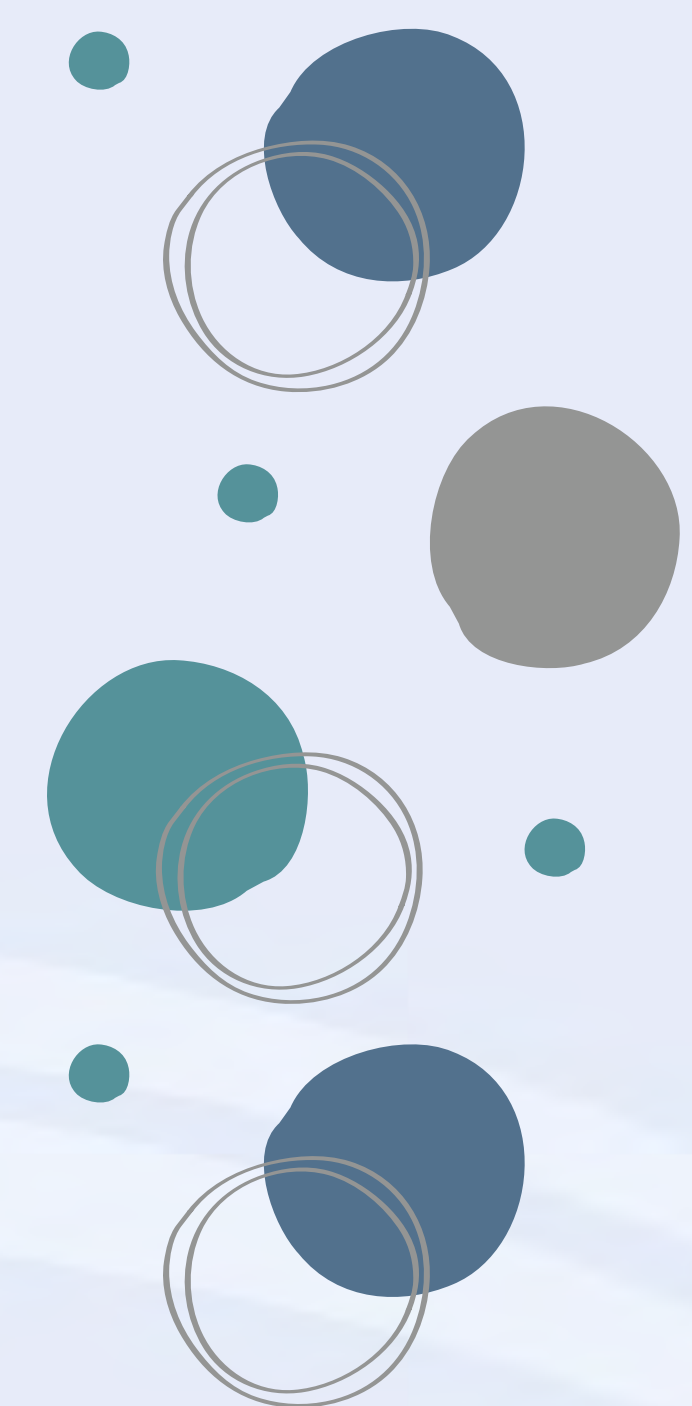
Question 1: Do you wish to submit a response? *

- Yes
 No

Response #1 Upload *

Submit your response as a single file here.
(Maximum file size: 20 MB.)

No file chosen



Section Response Totals

Question #1: Total Points

5

Question #2: Total Points

5

Question #3: Total Points

0

Question #4a: Total Points

0

Question #4b: Total Points

0

Question #4c: Total Points

5

Question #4d: Total Points

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Question #4e: Total Points

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Question #5: Total Points

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Question #6: Total Points

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Question #12: Total Points

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Question #13: Total Points

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Question #15b: Total Points

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Question #16: Total Points

5

Question #17: Total Points

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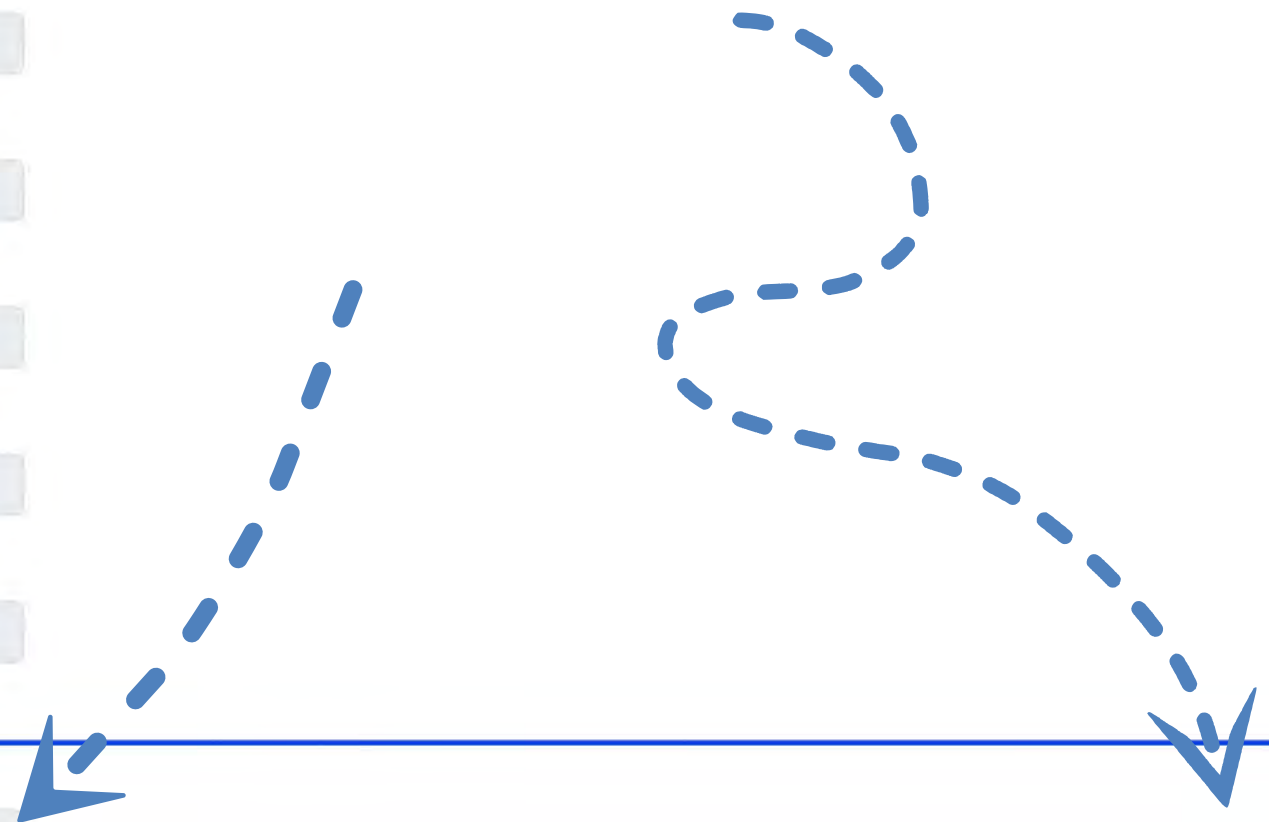
Question #18: Total Points

10

Overall Points

All Sections: Total Points

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PRO TIP

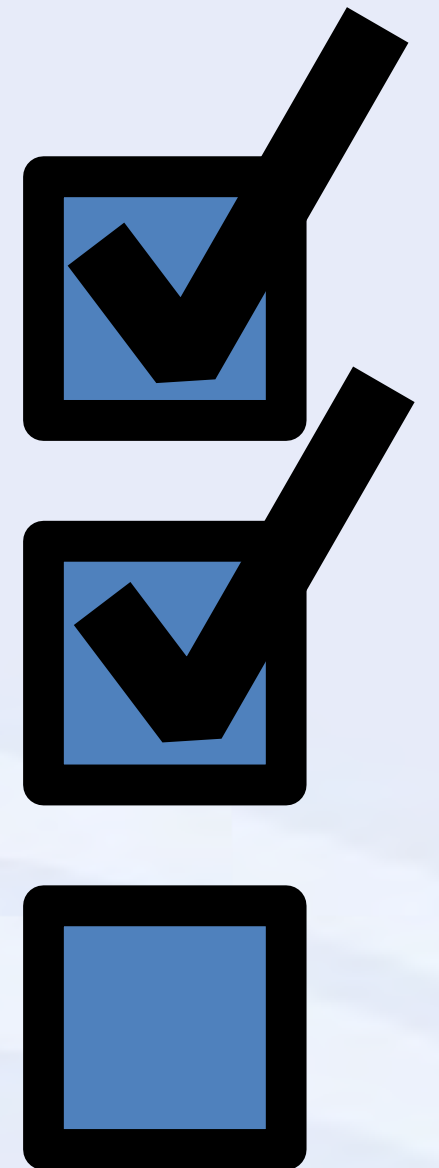
Fresh Perspective A reviewer who wasn't involved in preparing the application can provide an unbiased evaluation, ensuring clarity and completeness

Catch Errors: A second set of eyes can identify typos, inconsistencies, or omissions that the preparer might have overlooked

Evaluate Against Criteria: An independent reviewer can confirm whether the application directly addresses each award criterion and meets all requirements

Improve Readability: A reviewer can assess whether the content is well-organized, succinct, and easy for evaluators to follow.

Validate Supporting Evidence A third party can ensure that all examples, documents, and attachments effectively support the application and align with the narrative.





*County's Procurement Department
Receives "Excellence" Award*

MOHAVE COUNTY, AZ (December 6, 2022) –Mohave County has been awarded the prestigious 2022 Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Award from the National Procurement Institute. The achievement is granted to public and non-profit agencies that demonstrate "a commitment to procurement excellence." The annual program recognizes professional procurement organizations that embrace innovation, professionalism, productivity, leadership and e-procurement.

The AEP program encourages the development of excellence, as well as continued organizational improvement, to earn the award annually. In 2022, there were 171 successful applicants including 73 cities, 36 counties, 15 special districts, 17 school districts, 14 higher education agencies, 5 state or provincial agencies and 11 others.

Mohave County is one of 24 agencies in Arizona to have received the important award since its inception 27 years ago. Ten Arizona agencies received it in 2022. This is Mohave County's 17th award. – Only 49 agencies have received more than 17 Awards across the United States and in Canada.

In addition to the National Procurement Institute, the AEP is sponsored by the California Association of Public Procurement Officials (CAPPO), Canadian Public Procurement Council / Conseil (CPPC), Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials (FAPPO), National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP), National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement and Texas Public Purchasing Association (TxPPA). The AEP is supported by the Airport Purchasing Group (APG), OMNA Partners, Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC) and the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC).

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Let's Celebrate



Spring ISD wins two national awards for Procurement and Financial Services

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Spring Independent School District recently won a pair of awards, both from national organizations, that highlight the work of two central administration departments in the district.

The Procurement Services department received the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement award from the National Procurement Institute. This award recognizes organizational excellence in public and non-profit procurement. It is set up to highlight departments that incorporate innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes in their procurement efforts.

The criteria for this year's awards saw some significant changes, a process which Procurement Services Executive Director Phillip Ellison said was beneficial for Spring ISD.

"These changes made us reflect on our practices and consider changing some of our processes to meet these new requirements," Ellison said. "This application process always helps us review our program to ensure we're keeping up with best-in-class public procurement departments."

Spring ISD is one of 171 agencies in the United States and Canada and one of only 17 School Districts to receive the award.

The Office of Financial Services was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. The award was in recognition of the district's annual comprehensive financial report for 2020-2021.

The organization established the program in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements, and to produce financial reports that are innovative, engaging, and transparent to community members and taxpayers.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Chief Financial Officer Ann Westbrooks, said the award is more evidence that Spring ISD continues to operate efficiently and transparently.

"I am so incredibly proud of the Financial Services team for receiving the GFOA award which exemplifies excellence in the district's financial management," Westbrooks said. "The district is committed to being good stewards of taxpayer dollars and doing so in a transparent manner."



QUESTIONS





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